

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I am emailing you today to urge you to work to ensure a Congressional redistricting plan for Illinois does not put Sean Casten and Marie Newman in the same district, as the current plan does.

Sean Casten has been a great U.S. representative in his two terms in Congress: He is a leading voice on taking federal action to mitigate against climate change - something that the planet desperately needs. It would be unfortunate if he would have to face a primary battle against Rep. Newman, especially in a district that includes more of her current constituents than his current constituents. According to Politico, the 6th as currently drawn would include 39% of the population of Rep. Newman's current district and only 25% of Rep. Casten's current district.

I understand that the intention behind the proposed 3rd district is for there to be another Latino majority district, but as the Chicago Sun-Times points out (see link below), only about 37% of the people who are expected to vote in the District are Latino. Still, there are versions of the map that can be drawn that include a second Latino majority district AND allow for Casten and Newman to be in different districts. I encourage you to consider these alternatives as better approaches than guaranteeing the involuntary retirement of one of our two most exciting up and coming Democratic Congresspersons.

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6th Congressional District